



THE  
HUMBLE PETITION  
OF THE  
LORDS and COMMONS in PARLIAMENT Assembled.  
TO THE  
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Most Excellent Majesty.

For a Pacification bet ween His Majesty and both Houses. As it was delivered  
by the Lord of Holland to His Majesty at Beverly, on Saturday,

July 16. 1642.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**A**lthough we Your Majesties most humble and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, have been very unhappy in many former Petitions and Supplications to Your Majesty, wherein we have represented our most dutifull Affections, in advising and desiring those things which we held most necessary for the preservation of Gods true Religion, Your Majesties safety and Honour, and the peace of the Kingdome; And with much sorrow doe perceive, That Your Majesty, incens'd by many false Calumnies and Slanders, doth continue to raise forces against us, and Your other peaceable and loyall Subjects, and to make great preparations for War, both in the Kingdom, and from beyond the Seas; and by Arms and violence to over-rule the Judgement and Advice of Your great Councell, and by force to determine the Questions there depending, concerning the Government and Liberty of the Kingdome: yet such is our earnest desire of discharging our duty to Your Majesty and the Kingdome, to preserve the peace thereof, and to prevent the miseries of Civill War amongst your Subjects: That notwithstanding we hold our selves bound to use all the meanes and power, which by the Lawes and Constitutions of this Kingdom we are trusted with, for defence and protection thereof, and of the Subjects from force and violence; We do in this our humble and loyall Petition prostrate our selves at Your Majesties feet, beseeching your Majesty, That you will be pleased to forbear, and remove all Preparations and Actions of War, particularly the forces from about *Hull*, from *Newcastle*, *Tynmouth*, *Lincoln*, and *Lincolshire*, and all other places; And that Your Majesty will recall the Commissions of Array, which are illegall; Dismiss Troops, and extraordinary Guards by you raised; That Your Majesty will come neerer to your Parliament, and hearken to their faithfull Advice, and humble Petitions, which shall onely tend to the defence and advancement of Religion, Your owne Royall Honour and safety, the preservation of our Lawes and Liberties; And we have been, and shall ever be carefull to prevent and punish al Tumults, and seditious Actions, Speeches, and Writings, which may give Your Majesty just cause of distaste or apprehension of danger. That Your Majesty will leave delinquents to the due course of Justice; And that nothing done or spoken in Parliament, or by any Person in pursuance of the Commands and Directions of both Houses of Parliament, be questioned any where, but in Parliament.

And we, for our Parts, shall be ready to lay down all those preparations, which we have been forced to make for our defence. And for the Town of *Hull*, and the Ordinance concerning the *Militia*, as we have in both these particulars, only sought the preservation of the Peace of the Kingdom, and the defence of the Parliament, from force and violence: So we shall most willingly leave the Town of *Hull* in the state it was before Sir *John Hotham* drew any forces into it, delivering Your Majesties Magazine into Your Tower of *London*, and suppressing what soever hath been disposed by us for the service of the Kingdom. We shall be ready to settle the *Militia* by a Bill, in such a way, as shall be Honorable and safe for Your Majesty, most agreeable to the Duty of Parliament, and effectuall for the good of the Kingdom; That the strength thereof be not employed against it selfe; and that which ought to be for our security, applied to our destruction: And that the Parliament, and those who profess and desire still to preserve the Protestant Religion, both in this Realme and in Ireland, may not be left naked, and indefensible, to the mischevous designes, and cruell attempts of those, who are the profest and confederate enemies thereof, in Your Majesties Dominions, and other Neighbour Nations. To which, if Your Majesties Courses and Councils shall from henceforth concur, We doubt not but we shall quickly make it appear to the World, by the most eminent effects of Love and Dury, That Your Majesties personall safety, Your Royall Honour and Greatnesse are much dearer to us then our owne Lives and Fortunes, which we doe most heartily Dedicate, and shall most willingly employ for the support and maintenance thereof.

*Veneris Julii 15. 1642.*

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That this Petition be forthwith Printed and Published.

*Jo. Brown, Cler. Parl.*

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